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TITLE: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING COPPER LINES WITH
 REDUCED ELECTROMIGRATION USING AN ELECTROPLATED
 INTERIM COPPER-ZINC ALLOY THIN FILM ON A COPPER
 SURFACE **(Herein Amended)**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This letter is a Preliminary Amendment in support of the above-referenced Divisional Application herewith filed. Applicants are hereby requesting favorable consideration of the below-submitted Preliminary Amendment and remarks.